

HOW TO WHIP DIXON

How Solly Smith Proposes to Defeat Dixon This Month

DOES NOT WIN THROUGH LUCK

Points to Fight Weights With Some Secrets of Success in the Ring. Many Battles Won.

On the 25th of September I hope to become the featherweight champion of the world.

The sporting world is aware that I have been matched to fight George Dixon for a purse of ten thousand dollars and the title which he is anxious to retain and I to acquire at the Coney Island Athletic club on September 25. I do not by any means underrate the task which I have before me, yet I am confident—and I speak with due modesty—that I will whip him. I do not



RICK ABRAHAM, SOLLY SMITH'S BACKER.

know that I can give any definite logical reason for my belief, but I feel it in me and confidence is half the battle.

The trouble with most of Dixon's adversaries is that they are half frightened to death before they cross arms with him. The "colored wonder," as he is fondly dubbed by his admirers, seems to have the same faculty for inspiring terror in the hearts of his opponents as the renowned John L. Sullivan could at one time in the breasts of the men pitted against him.

I noticed this particularly in the case of Eddie Pierce, the "pride of the Nonpareil club," as he is called. When he met Dixon a fortnight ago the ex-amateur looked nervous and even timid the moment he stepped over the ropes. He is a mighty good boy, I am told, and as fight as hurricane speed when in a proper frame of mind. The other night, though, he seemed to be suffering from what actors term stage fright and was really unable to do battle with a fourth-rate man. He was the most popular favorite that ever entered a ring—judging by the tremendous ovation he received—and the responsibility of his position appalled him. He was numbed from the start, and although he gave a remarkable exhibition of gameness he really was "never in it," to use a sporting phrase. Pierce, I understand, is a rapid, aggressive fighter, yet on this occasion he stayed away from the colored boy. Fatal mistake! Dixon is far cleverer than he, has a longer reach and is by long odds a better general. Had Pierce rushed in and "mixed it" with the "sable wonder," he might have had a lively chance. Infighting was his play and he neglected to take advantage of it. As it was he was the mere punching bag for the coffee-colored lad, or rather he was the victim led to slaughter and Dixon the executioner.

Gai McCarthy, his erstwhile rival, I am informed, adopted the same tactics at Troy and got soundly trounced in consequence. So did Nunc Wallace in England, and he too proved an easy mark. The only way to fight Dixon is to go at him. Never give him a chance to breathe or think, but make him fight all the time. That is the way I propose to battle with him, and if he whips me I shall have no excuse to offer. I have seen him fight twice; once with Abe Willis, of Australia, in San Francisco, and with Eddie Pierce, at the Coney Island club, and I think I know how his game can be met. At least I will do my best to prove the truth of my theory. One thing I do know in substantiation of this theory is that pugilists who fight as did Tom Hyer, in the olden time, John L. Sullivan, when that warrior was in his prime, and as Teddy Stearns, Joe Goddard, "Myrtle" Billy Smith and your humble servant do are generally successful.

The winner of the battle of September 25, will unquestionably be the featherweight champion of the world. Dixon has defeated the champions of three countries—Cal McCarthy of America, Nunc Wallace of England and Abe Willis of Australia. He has also added to his belt the scalp of Fred Johnston, of England, who claimed the one-hundred and twenty-two-pound championship of England. Besides these magnificent victories he has conquered fifty other aspiring pugilists besides winning innumerable four-round bouts.

It has been asked what I have done to warrant my battling with the champion. I will reply by saying that I have won thirteen hard fought battles, defeating, among other good men, Johnny Van Hook, the greatest little fighter of the south and west, and Johnny Griffin, the doughy Braltonian lad, whom many sportsmen, Pat Rooney and Al Smith among the number, thought that George Dixon was about to meet.

Many people affect to believe that I

am a lucky fighter and have won most of my battles by a chance blow. It is a common thing, even in my own country, California, to hear the remark that "Solly has again won by a fluke." It must strike any rational man as an extremely peculiar fact, that this so-called "fluke" has occurred thirteen times in succession. Frequently the press of the country has reported me as being exceedingly "groovy," and all but out when my gameness stood me in good stead and that I managed to land the "motionover" at the last moment, thereby winning the battle. This was notably so in the case of my late contest with Johnny Griffin.

This, of course, is very flattering to me, as not one "groovy" man in a hundred has the heart or head to turn the tables at the last moment. However, I must confess that my friendly critics have always been wide of the mark. I never was "groovy" in the ring in my life. When I put out Johnny Griffin at Ruby, Ind., I was as clear-headed as I ever was at a matinee. I drew him on to me and was laying low for an opportunity to plant my right on his jaw. That opportunity came when Johnny thinking I was gone rushed at me with both right and left hands and tried to end the encounter right then and there. I was in a semi-crouching attitude and apparently on the retreat. The moment his guard was down I whipped my right like lightning over his left guard and caught him fairly on the point of the jaw. That ended the battle. That I was not "groovy" is proven by the fact I stood erect and motionless over Griffin waiting for him to rise, while the referee was counting the ten seconds allotted him to do so. If I whip Dixon the public may say that is another case of "luck." That, however, will not worry me if I get there.

Should I be fortunate enough to win I will be prepared to defend the championship against all comers, but I will never make the mistake of gallant Jack Dempsey by going out of my class. I will fight featherweights and none others. I fully realize the force of the old aphorism: "A good big man can always whip a good little man." Had brave Jack Dempsey given this a thought he would not be in a bad house to-day. His defeat by Bob Fitzsimmons broke his proud heart, drove him to drink and finally upset his mental equilibrium. Now I am told that the one time "Nonpareil" is not long for this world. Poor Jack! I trust that he will disprove the predictions of the diagnosticians, but should he die no better epitaph of him could be written than a paraphrase of Byron's immortal lines:

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South Aisle. In this aisle will be exhibited our immense stock of Dress Fabrics, comprising all French, German and English Wool Dress Goods and Silk and Velvet Goods. The aisle throughout 100 feet on the south side will be devoted to a display of Wool Novelties, and on the north side of the aisle Silks, Silk and Wool Novelties and Velvets; the whole aisle gorgeously draped and trimmed for this grand opening.

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North Center Aisle. This aisle will be handsomely trimmed with the new productions in Dress Trimmings, Laces, Ribbons, New Veilings, Corsets, Muslin Underwear and our new line of Fancy Yarns and Wools. A special visit to these interesting departments should be made.

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Our grand opening in this department will eclipse any previous attempt, and the beautiful things we have procured for the opening should be seen by all. The special imported Pattern Hats are marvels of beauty and striking design.

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